

## AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 1 lines 3-13 on page 3 with the following paragraph:

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An ISH is a hardware component that links business or residential user devices such as telephones and computers to the broadband, wide area network through a plurality of user interfaces and at least one network interface. A suitable ISH is described in ~~co-pending U.S. Pat. App. No. 09/226,575~~ U.S. Patent Number 6,272,553 entitled "Multi-Services Communications Device," ~~filed on January 7, 1999 (Sprint docket number 1246)~~ issued August 7, 2002, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. The network communication medium typically is a broadband network interface such as ADSL, T1, or HDSL-2. Examples of user interfaces include telephone interfaces such as plain old telephone system (POTS) ports for connecting telephones, fax machines, modems, and the like to the ISH; computer interfaces such as ethernet ports for connecting computers and local area networks to the ISH; and video ports such as RCA jacks for connecting video players, recorders, monitors, and the like to the ISH.

[Please replace paragraph 1 lines 1-16 on page 4 with the following paragraph:]

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Another example of such a central office function being provided by the ISH is backup power. Traditionally in cases of power grid failure, the central office provides backup power to customers' telephones through use of an industrial-strength, petroleum-fueled backup generator. Since it is not economical to equip each customer with a backup generator, an ISH must be equipped with an back-up power supply, which is typically a battery pack, to maintain power to the system in cases of power grid failure. The number of telephone interfaces impacts battery life, as the amount of power used by the ISH increases with the number of telephone interfaces being

D2 served. A method and apparatus for polling telephony line status in an integrated services hub to reduce power consumption is disclosed and claimed in ~~co-pending U.S. Pat. App. No. 09/653,105 (Sprint docket number 1497), filed August 31, 2000~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,512,817, issued January 28, 2003, incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. Likewise, the use of telephony services impacts how long the batteries can keep the ISH operational because more power is required to maintain phone lines in active (i.e., conversational) state as opposed to standby (i.e., on-hook) or disabled states. The present invention addresses a customer's need for information regarding the operational status of the ISH. For example, by alerting the customer to the fact that the ISH is operating on battery backup power, the customer can adjust his or her use patterns to maximize battery life.

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